



Today's Best From Europe (England)
Fullerton fights for the capital

OTTAWA — Douglas H. Fullerton, a big man with a busy voice, sits in his office overlooking the centre of the nation's capital, and says with his usual bluntness: "My mouth is my main instrument and I'm going to use it."

By Nick Hills
The Herald's Ottawa Bureau

It is characteristic of this local and highly controversial civil servant that the weapon he uses most to fight for the cause of the National Capital Commission is itself sheathed in an impediment that would daunt most people.

The thoughts jump out of his head like bullets from a machine gun, but the words have to be rammed through a serious stutter. The way he deals with this personal problem reflects exactly the aggressive manner in which he runs the official authority for the national capital region.

Made enemies
Douglas Fullerton—economist, journalist, self-styled enemy of official distinction of the Ottawa peace—became chairman of the NCC less than two years ago. But he has probably made more enemies than friends, and done more for the future health of the capital region than anyone before him.

Formerly chairman of the Cape Breton Development Corporation, he left that job in frustration because he did not have the power he wanted—and came to Ottawa at the request of Jean Marchand to take a job that has no tangible power at all.

As head of the organization that administers the country's official capital area, Fullerton has no authority to make decisions by himself. Just about any matter has to go to cabinet or treasury board for approval—and on the way there are often dozens of machines by the pecking politicians in the local, regional and provincial government.

Isn't fooled
In a way, he has overcome his lack of real authority by insinuating through his vocal attacks that he has the power to do anything. Fullerton is not fooled by this device, but a lot of the local politicians are—and they hate the way he has become one of the most dominant figures in official Ottawa.

The MPs from the Ottawa and Hull areas included in the capital region continually use upon them the power of their yells are heard in caucus rooms up and down Parliament Hill.

There is little doubt his battering-ram techniques bruise the sensitive ego of many of the men with whom he must be in harmony; but Fullerton has given the NCC a distinct personality of its own—and more important for him—has friends in the right high places.

Last winter, for example, when he was embroiled in a fierce struggle with snowmobiles banning their machines from the beautiful Gaiety Park, he received a personal letter from Prime Minister Trudeau endorsing his stand and adding that snowmobiles were a threat to the wildlife in the park.

In recent years, the NCC has been shuffled from government department to department and this has not been lost on Fullerton and his staff who now find themselves in the new ministry of urban affairs under Robert Andras.

Bluntly, Fullerton says that many members of the cabinet

Has Ottawa abandoned Roosevelt's 1944 thesis to which it once hewed?
Lost philosophy: the right to a job

OTTAWA — "This republic has its beginning, and grew to its present strength, under the protection of certain inalienable political rights—among them the right of free speech, free press, free worship, trial by jury, freedom from unreasonable searches and seizures. They were our rights to life and liberty."

By Howard Grafty
Special to the Herald

—the stuff of which dictators are made...
men are not free men. People who are hungry—people who are out of a job—are the stuff of which dictatorships are made..."

Here are just a few examples of official thinking I was able to note: "High unemployment goes hand in hand with modern, automated, technology society"—or "Nothing we do in Canada to fight unemployment amounts to anything as long as things are sour in the United States" or the familiar, "Things aren't as bad as during the great depression. After all, look at all the welfare benefits we have for the unemployed today."

Chief Justice Burger's outlook is much less activist than his predecessor's

A 'conservative' hue for the U.S. Supreme Court

WASHINGTON — Nothing is more pervasive in its effect on American life than the United States Supreme Court.

By Duart Fargushor
The Herald's Washington Bureau

No longer, President Richard Nixon sought to turn the high court right to a more conservative less activist role with his appointments of Chief Justice Warren Burger and Associate Justice Harry Blackmun.

BURGER
... not backtracking

The Burger Court avoids such confrontations with governments, whether state or federal, whenever possible. This is upheld a California law requiring school boards to be approved by a community referendum before it could be held.

It is doubtful if he has grasped the consequences of the invasion he ordered

President Yahya reaps the Pakistan whirlwind

LONDON — When President Yahya Khan ordered his troops into action in East Pakistan on March 25, to quell what he considered a dangerous threat to the integrity of the country, it is unlikely that he foresaw the consequences: a people living in terror of the army and economic life disrupted, and ahead only the prospect of a prolonged military occupation of the colonial type, harassed by the forces of the occupation of guerrilla groups.

By Michael Hornsby
The Times of London

Nor, alas, is there much sign that the president, who depends entirely on his military commanders for information, has any clearer grasp of the consequences now. A blunt, amiable soldier, Yahya is intellectually and temperamentally unequipped to make sense of the responses that might just conceivably salvage something from the disaster in the East. His credit

Flashback on Canada—By Bob Bowman

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Sports writers sometimes nominate athletes for "comeback of the year" awards. If history had a "comeback of the era" award it might easily go to Edmonton, Alberta.

"I KNOW you ordered two beers, young man —but that was over Ontario..."

ered glasses of officials to convince government spokesmen that, after all, the employment situation wasn't bad at all.

My 10 years as a member of Parliament convinced me of two things. One was that, after all was said and done, unemployment is one of the cruelest things that can hit our society and, secondly, Ottawa is the last place in Canada that responds to this reality. No spectacle is more nauseating than the sight of official lackeys, statistics in hand, running about the corridors of Parliament trying to convince the minister of the Crown that all is well.

As one approaches Ottawa by car, official signs read "Population (approx) 400,000." Most cities of this size contain much industry. They generally reflect, quite accurately, the state of the economy. Not so Ottawa.

Reading statistics on unemployment in a civil service town is quite different from living with it on your doorstep. It's easy to convince cabinet ministers that all is well. The two get out of touch with the grass roots, and rarely get back to their constituencies because of cabinet duties. The head in the sand operation becomes relatively easy.

One of the definitions of "work" to be found in the Oxford dictionary reads, "application of effort to some purpose." National purpose and purposeful work for all, then, must be part and parcel of federal leadership from Ottawa. If participatory democracy means Ottawa is in touch with the aspirations of contemporary citizens, government officials should learn that a whole new generation is talking about "the quality of life" in a new and meaningful way, a way which should update and redefine our definition of work.

If we are serious about making our cities livable, cleaning up the atmosphere, decent housing, and the humane delivery of health and medical services for all, then hundreds and thousands of Canadians, young and old, will go to work in a new way, with purpose. Ottawa has a leadership role to play, but before it it played Roosevelt's declaration of a quarter of a century ago must be re-read and taken seriously.

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WARREN
... another blow

The Burger court's reluctance to interfere with the state has been extended through procedural rulings to issues such as censorship of obscene films and books.

Despite Mr. Nixon's wishes that the Supreme Court cease the Warren-style political activism and return to "strict constructionism," it continues to be up to its neck in heavily political cases, however.

The reason is frequently Attorney-General John Mitchell's penchant for making political capital by having the government stand in court against unpopular groups, police practices in handling criminal suspects.

In the last year of Chief Justice Warren's reign, the American Civil Liberties Union won 18 of 24 cases it argued. "This year it won eight out of 10."

It can't be said that the Nixon ideology has taken over the nine-member court. But the usually slight liberal majority of the old tribunal has become a frequently slight conservative majority on the new.

The government's right to wiretap in domestic security cases without a judge's permission.

The right of newsmen to refuse to testify before a grand jury about confidential sources.

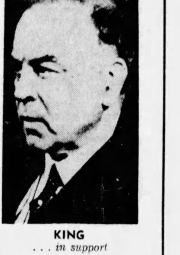
Whether private clubs may discriminate by race when operated under strict state controls.

expression of regret by the president.

But such measures would not begin to provide an answer to the basic question: how can the two halves of Pakistan be kept together, save by naked force? The government and the army are the victims of their own propaganda. They are convinced that Bengali nationalism was the artificial creation of a minority of extremists who can be isolated and eliminated. (Copyright)



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